CLAIMS

1. Within a messaging communication system having a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing for a first messaging client a first communication connection operating using a plurality of client data;

transferring the plurality of client data from the first messaging client to a second messaging client; and

establishing for the second messaging client a second communication connection operating using the plurality of client data.

2. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

authenticating an account user by the first messaging client using an authentication key prior to the transferring step;

transferring the authentication key from the first messaging client to the second messaging client; and

authenticating the account user by the second messaging client using the authentication key.

3. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the plurality of client data includes a plurality of contact data, and further wherein the plurality of contact data comprises at least one account identifier.

4. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 3 wherein the plurality of contact data further comprises an account contact information associated with the at least one account identifier.

5. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the first messaging client further includes at least one user preference, the method further comprising:

transferring the at least one user preference from the first messaging client to the second messaging client; and

operating within the second communication connection by the second messaging client using the at least one user preference.

6. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 5 wherein the plurality of client data further comprises the at least one user preference.

7. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the first messaging client operates within a first messaging device, and further wherein the first messaging device includes a user interface, the method further comprising prior to the transferring step:

requesting the transfer of the plurality of client data by a user input to the user interface of the first messaging device.

8. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the second messaging client operates within a second messaging device, and further wherein the second messaging device includes a user interface, the method further comprising prior to the transferring step:

requesting the transfer of the plurality of client data by a user input to the user interface of the second messaging device.

9. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the second messaging client operates within a mobile device, wherein in the transferring step the transfer of the plurality of client data is in response to a movement of the mobile device.

10. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein in the transferring step the transfer of the plurality of client data is in response to an activation of the second messaging client.

11. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the second messaging client operates within a second messaging device, wherein the second messaging device includes a data transfer application, and further wherein in the transferring step the transfer of the plurality of client data is in response to an activation of the data transfer application.

12. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the first messaging client operates within a first messaging device, wherein the first messaging device includes a data transfer application, and further wherein in the transferring step the transfer of the plurality of client data is in response to an activation of the data transfer application.

13. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein in the transferring step the transfer of the plurality of client data is in response to the second messaging client establishing the second communication connection.

14. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 wherein the second messaging client operates within a second messaging device, and further wherein in the transferring step the transfer of the plurality of client data is in response to activating the second messaging device.

15. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

disconnecting the first messaging client from the first communication connection prior to the transferring step.

16. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1 further comprising:

disconnecting the first messaging client from the first communication connection after the transferring step.

17. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 1, wherein the plurality of client data includes at least one client data portion, and further wherein the transferring step comprises transferring the at least one client data portion..

18. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 17 further comprising prior to the transferring step, sending from the second messaging client to the first messaging client a client data requirement, wherein the client data portion is determined using the client data requirement.

19. Within a messaging communication system having a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing for a first messaging client a first communication connection including a plurality of client data;

establishing for a second messaging client a second communication connection; and

transferring the plurality of client data from the first messaging client to the second messaging client in response to the second communication connection.

20. Within a messaging communication system having a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing for a first messaging client a first communication connection including a plurality of client data, wherein the first messaging client includes a first account identifier;

providing the first account identifier for the first messaging client to the messaging communication system;

transferring the plurality of client data from the first messaging client to a second messaging client, wherein the second messaging client includes a second account identifier;

providing the second account identifier from the second messaging client to the messaging communication system; and

establishing for the second messaging client a second communication connection including the plurality of client data using the second account identifier.

21. Within a messaging communication system having a message server for managing the communication of a plurality of messages among a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing a first communication connection including a plurality of client data between a first messaging client and the message server;

transferring the plurality of client data from the first messaging client to a second messaging client; and

establishing a second communication connection including the plurality of client data between the second messaging client and the message server.

22. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 21 further comprising:

authenticating an account user by the first messaging client using an authentication key prior to the transferring step.

transferring the authentication key from the first messaging client to the second messaging client; and

authenticating the account user by the second messaging client using the authentication key.

23. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 21 wherein the plurality of client data includes a plurality of contact data, and further wherein the plurality of contact data comprises at least one account identifier.

24. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 23 wherein the plurality of contact data further comprises a contact information for the at least one account identifier.

25. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 21 wherein the plurality of client data includes at least one user preference.

26. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 21 wherein the message server includes a server identity, wherein the plurality of client data includes the server identity, and further wherein the second communication connection is established using the server identity received within the plurality of client data.

27. Within a messaging communication system having a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing a first communication connection for a first messaging client;

establishing at least one messaging session having a session identifier between the first messaging client and at least one other messaging client of the plurality of messaging clients;

transferring a plurality of session data for the first session connection including the session identifier from the first messaging client to a second messaging client;

establishing a second communication connection including the plurality of session data for the second messaging client; and

participating in the at least one messaging session in the second communication connection using the session identifier.

28. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 27 further comprising:

sending a notification of session data transfer to at least one other messaging client participating in the at least one messaging session.

29. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 28 wherein the notification includes a client profile of the second messaging client.

30. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 28 wherein the notification is sent from the first messaging client.

31. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 28 wherein the notification is sent from the second messaging client.

32. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 28 wherein the messaging communication system further includes a messaging server, and further wherein the notification is sent from the messaging server.

33. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 28 further comprising:

informing an account user of the session data transfer by the at least one other messaging client in response to receiving the notification.

34. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 27 wherein the messaging session includes a session history having at least one session portion, and further wherein the plurality of session data further includes the session portion.

35. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 34 further comprising prior to the transferring step, sending from the second messaging client to the first messaging client a session data requirement, wherein the session portion is determined using the session data requirement.

36. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 27 wherein the plurality of session data further includes a session priority indicator, wherein the session priority indicator determines a priority of the messaging session within the messaging communication system.

37. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 27 wherein the plurality of session data further includes a session priority indicator, wherein the session priority indicator determines a priority of the messaging session within the second messaging client.

38. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 27 wherein the plurality of session data includes at least one user preference.

39. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 27 further comprising:

sending a notification of session data transfer, wherein the notification includes a client profile for the second messaging client; and

sending a plurality of content to the second messaging client using the client profile.

40. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 39 wherein the notification is sent from the first messaging client and the plurality of content is sent from at least one other messaging client.

41. Within a messaging communication system having a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing a first communication connection for a first messaging client;

establishing a plurality of messaging sessions each having a session identifier between the first messaging client and at least one of the plurality of messaging clients;

transferring a plurality of client data for the first communication connection including at least one session identifier for at least one messaging session from the first messaging client to a second messaging client;

establishing a second communication connection including the plurality of client data for the second messaging client; and

participating in the at least one messaging session in the second communication connection using the session identifier.

42. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 41 further comprising:

sending a notification of data transfer to at least one of the plurality of messaging clients participating in the at least one messaging session.

43. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 42 wherein the notification is sent from the first messaging client.

44. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 42 wherein the notification is sent from the second messaging client.

45. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 42 wherein the notification includes a client profile of the second messaging client.

46. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 41 further comprising:

sending a notification of data transfer, wherein the notification includes a client profile for the second messaging client; and

sending a plurality of content to the second messaging client using the client profile.

47. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 41 wherein the messaging session includes a session history having at least one session portion, and further wherein the plurality of client data further includes the session portion.

48. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 47 further comprising prior to the transferring step, sending from the second messaging client to the first messaging client a client data requirement, wherein the session portion is determined using the client data requirement.

49. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 41 wherein the plurality of client data further includes a session priority indicator, wherein the session priority indicator determines the priority of the messaging session within the messaging communication system.

50. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 42 wherein the plurality of client data includes at least one user preference.

51. Within a messaging communication system having a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing a first communication connection for a first messaging client;

establishing at least one messaging session having a session identifier between the first messaging client and at least one other messaging client of the plurality of messaging clients;

transferring a plurality of client data for the first communication connection including the session identifier from the first messaging client to a second messaging client;

establishing a second communication connection including the plurality of client data for the second messaging client; and

adding the second messaging client to the at least one messaging session using the session identifier.

52. Within a messaging communication system having a message server for managing a plurality of multiple user messaging sessions, wherein the multiple user messaging sessions comprise communication of a plurality of session messages among a plurality of messaging clients, a method for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

establishing a first communication connection for a first messaging client within a multiple user messaging session of the message server;

transferring a plurality of client data for the first communication connection from the first messaging client to a second messaging client;

sending a data transfer message to the message server wherein the data transfer message includes a session reservation for the second messaging client; and

establishing a second communication connection for the second messaging client within the multiple user messaging session of the message server using the plurality of client data.

53. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 52 wherein the first messaging client has a first client identifier, wherein the multiple user messaging session has a session identifier, wherein the second messaging client has a second client identifier, wherein the plurality of client data includes the session identifier, and further wherein the data transfer message includes the session identifier, the first client identifier, and the second client identifier.

54. A method for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 53, wherein the multiple user messaging session includes at least one other messaging client, the method further comprising:

sending a notification of data transfer to the at least one other messaging client.

55. A plurality of messaging clients within a messaging communication system for providing continuity between the plurality of messaging clients comprising:

a first messaging client, for establishing a first communication connection including a plurality of client data; and

a second messaging client for receiving the plurality of client data from the first messaging client and for establishing a second communication connection including the plurality of client data.

56. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 55 wherein the first messaging client operates within a first messaging device and the second messaging client operates within a second messaging device.

57. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 56 wherein the first messaging device includes:

a memory coupled to the first messaging client for storing the plurality of client data, wherein the first messaging client accesses the plurality of client data from the memory, and further wherein the first messaging client transfers the plurality of client data to the second messaging device.

58. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 56 wherein the first messaging device includes:

a memory coupled to the first messaging client for storing the plurality of client data, wherein the first messaging client accesses the plurality of client data from the memory, and

a data transfer application coupled to the first messaging client for transferring the plurality of client data to the second messaging device.

59. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 56 wherein the second messaging device includes:

a memory coupled to the second messaging client, wherein the second messaging client receives the plurality of client data and stores the plurality of client data in the memory.

60. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 56 wherein the second messaging device includes:

a data transfer application coupled to the second messaging client for receiving the plurality of client data, wherein the second messaging client processes the received plurality of client data, and

a memory coupled to the second messaging client for storing the plurality of client data.

61. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 56 wherein the first messaging device is a fixed device and further wherein the second device is a mobile device.

62. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 56 wherein the first messaging device includes a first memory interconnect for connecting the first messaging device to a memory storage device, wherein the second messaging device includes a second memory interconnect for connecting the second messaging device to the memory storage device, wherein the first messaging device stores the plurality of client data on the memory storage device, and further wherein the second messaging device receives the plurality of client data from the memory storage device connecting to the second memory interconnect.

63. A plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 62 wherein the first messaging client and the second messaging client operate within a messaging device.

64. A messaging communication system for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients comprising:

the plurality of messaging clients including:

a first messaging client,

a second messaging client, and

at least one other messaging client;

a message server for managing the communication of a plurality of session messages among the plurality of messaging clients, wherein the message server is programmed to:

establish a first communication connection for the first messaging client,

establish at least one messaging session having a session identifier between the first messaging client and the at least one other messaging client,

transfer a plurality of client data for the first communication connection including the session identifier from the first messaging client to the second messaging client,

establish a second communication connection including the plurality of client data for the second messaging client, and

transfer the at least one messaging session from the first messaging client to the second messaging client using the session identifier.

65. A messaging communication system for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients as recited in claim 64 wherein the message server includes a server memory, wherein the first messaging client stores the plurality of client data in the server memory, and further wherein the second messaging client retrieves the plurality of client data from the server memory for use in the operation of the second communication connection.

66. A messaging communication system as recited in claim 64 wherein the first messaging client operates within a first messaging device and the second messaging client operates within a second messaging device.

67. A messaging communication system as recited in claim 64 wherein the first messaging client and the second messaging client operate within a messaging device.

68. A messaging communication system as recited in claim 64 wherein the messaging communication system comprises a first messaging system and a second messaging system, wherein the first messaging client functions within the first messaging system, and further wherein the second messaging client functions within the second messaging system.

69. A messaging communication system as recited in claim 68 wherein the first messaging system comprises a wired messaging system and further wherein the second messaging system comprises a wireless messaging system.

70. A messaging communication system as recited in claim 68 wherein the first messaging system comprises a wireless messaging system and further wherein the second messaging system comprises a wired messaging system.

71. A messaging communication system for providing continuity between a plurality of messaging clients comprising:

the plurality of messaging clients including:

a first messaging client for establishing a first communication connection including a plurality of client data, and

a second messaging client for establishing a second communication connection including the plurality of client data; and

a server memory coupled to the plurality of messaging clients, wherein the first messaging client stores the plurality of client data in the server memory, and further wherein the second messaging client retrieves the plurality of client data from the server memory for use in the operation of the second communication connection.

72. A messaging communication system as recited in claim 71 wherein the server memory is contained within a message server of the messaging communication system.